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Attention: Rini Ghosh

Re: Finance Docket No. 34284

Dear Ms. Ghosh:

received
2/23/04

In response to the Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement, I am submitting the following to be considered in the formal scoping process.

I believe Vulcan's proposed quarry and proposed SGR rail line, regardless of where the railroad is constructed, are connected actions, and should be studied in the same Environmental Impact Statement. The Study should include direct impacts and alternatives to both projects, including no quarry and no rail line at all.

There are many issues that concern my family about this project that could take place. We only live a couple of miles of where the actual quarry would be located. We have two small children, one that was born with a birth defect, with unknown reasons, statistically 1 in million. Who knows it could have been caused by environmental factors. I am very concerned about dust in the air, not only for my children, but any of our close neighbors with any type of lung problems. The well situation really concerns us, along with any type of foundation cracks. This is our only means of water supply, who will help us when our well is dry or damaged because of a quarry? Will Vulcan be there for us, probably not, from researching some of their other sites and information on well damage in other areas, it sounds like this could happen in our area also. We moved out in the country to get away from the noise, pollution and traffic. Is this the price we have to pay for a big company like Vulcan, who has the biggest pocket to ruin our family home? I mean after all, how would you feel or Vulcan people feel if this was happening to where there place is called home.

I could go on with more information, but I know you are very busy. Please take our concerns into consideration.

Sincerely and Thank you,

Mary K Chappie

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cc: U.S. Congressman Henry Bonilla
U.S. Senator John Cornyn
Texas Senator Frank Madia
Texas Representative Timoteo Garza
Medina County Judge Jim Barden
Medina County Commissioner Royce Hartman